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** AFGHANISTAN. Media behaviour roundup 13 October 2001
AFGHAN MEDIA ROUNDUP - 13 OCTOBER 2001

Balkh radio

Radio Voice of Shari'ah of Balkh Province - the Taleban-controlled provincial radio station based in the northern city of Mazar-e Sharif - continues to be heard by BBC Monitoring. It was monitored at 0330 gmt on Saturday 13 October on 1584 kHz mediumwave. Later on the 13th, the station was again heard at its scheduled sign-on time of 1230 gmt.

In its Uzbek-language bulletin at 1430 gmt on 12 October, Radio Voice of Shari'ah of Balkh Province reported that scholars, imams and others who spoke at Friday prayers in Mazar-e Sharif that day condemned military operations by the USA and its partners against the suffering Afghan people and stressed that each Muslim should take part in jihad. A commentary in Dari said that although America had told many countries that it would attack only military positions, over the last five days it had been proven to people all around the world that this was not the case.

Kabul radio

The Taleban radio station, Radio Voice of Shari'ah from Kabul, remains unheard by BBC Monitoring since Monday 8 October.

Radio Pakistan's new programme in Dari for Afghanistan

A new programme by Radio Pakistan in Dari, targeted at listeners in Afghanistan, was launched on 12 October. The inaugural "Nawa-i-Dost" [the Voice of a Friend] programme, broadcast from Radio Pakistan's Peshawar station, was heard by BBC Monitoring from 1805-1900 gmt on

540 kHz mediumwave; a shortwave frequency was also announced in the Urdu announcement preceding the programme. Radio Pakistan says that the Dari-language programme "will prove an important source of current affairs for listeners from far-flung areas of Afghanistan".

US defence secretary speaks of "another radio station" in Afghanistan

The following is an excerpt from a US Department of Defence news briefing given by US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in Washington on 12 October. The full text of the briefing is posted on the <http://www.defenselink.mil> web site:

.. [Question] Mr Secretary, regarding the communication of pro-American messages in Afghanistan, what have you been doing --.

[Rumsfeld] Say that again.

[Q] The communication of pro-American messages in -

[Rumsfeld] Oh, I see. By radio -

[Q] Yeah. What have you been doing, what have you been saying, and ultimately what's your goal?

[Rumsfeld] Well, the - as the kinds of things that are being communicated in there are through - whether it's for the Voice of America - anyone can listen to that - the BBC - anyone can listen to that. There's also another radio station that's broadcasting now, and basically what it's saying is the truth. And the truth is that the United States of America has no quarrel with Afghanistan and the Afghan people; we have no aspirations to reside or occupy in their country for a short period of time even. Our interest is solely, specifically and explicitly what the president has said; it is to root out the terrorists and the people that are helping them, and to help the people of that country get rid of the foreign invaders who have come in and taken over a major chunk of their country.

And, by the way, we also are anxious to try to see what we can do from a humanitarian standpoint. And we have been doing that all year, and we are doing it now; we're doing it both through the normal food channels of AID [Agency for International Development] and the various non-governmental organizations and UN. We're doing it directly through military airlifts - through C-17s.

And underlining the truth that those who contend that this has anything to do with any religion are untruthful and lying. And they are the people who are going around the world killing innocent people...

Al-Jazeera TV barred from filming "military targets"

The Qatar-based Al-Jazeera TV channel continues to carry live dispatches and interviews via satellite from Kabul with its correspondent Taysir Alluni.

Asked in an interview on 13 October about the air strikes on the night of Friday the 12th, Alluni said: "The bombardment was not as intensive as it was in the previous nights. Three short raids were conducted. The planes did not fly over Kabul as long as they did in the past. As for the targets that were hit, we could only identify the airport. The focus was clear on Kabul Airport. Anti-aircraft fire was not heavy. In other words, the number of the guns, which fired on the raiding planes, was remarkably small. As usual, power supply in Kabul was cut since 2000 [1600 gmt]. So we could not recognize the rest of the targets that were shelled by the planes."

Later in the interview on 13 October, Alluni added: "It is said that journalists have been invited by the Taleban embassy in Pakistan to visit Jalalabad, east of the country, to take pictures of two villages which were completely wiped off the map, as well as to take pictures of the central hospital in the city and other medical centres, which received a large number of wounded civilian. We have not been allowed here in Kabul to take any pictures. We told you earlier that our movements are restricted so as not to photograph any military targets."

Indian paper comments on US row with Al-Jazeera TV

An editorial in the New Delhi newspaper Hindustan Times on 13 October recalled that the US State Department had launched a two-pronged attack on Al-Jazeera TV: firstly, that it is guilty of showcasing inflammatory rhetoric, and secondly, of carrying untrue stories. Because the Taleban had forbidden the presence of other media organizations in the areas of conflict, there was no way of confirming whether the American charges of Al-Jazeera's "false" reporting were true or not, the paper said. It commented:

"The Western channels have been left out of the actual war zone. After some initial sulking, they have all taken recourse to the images provided by Al-Jazeera. As a result, for the first time, American viewers are witnessing an American war courtesy of a non-American television channel. The inability to confirm the reliability of these reports has made Washington paranoid enough to make many think that the Bin-Ladin footage sent out coded signals for another terrorist attack - apart from being inflammatory."

The Hindustan Times further said: "The State Department has advised Western television stations to use edited footage in its broadcasts. This has been readily accepted. But at the same time, television and newspapers in America have blacked out any images of civilian destruction in Afghanistan that could upset viewers. More distressingly, newspapers like the New York Post have been resorting to some jingoism ('Kabulseye!' goes one headline) of their own. That truth has to be filtered in a time of war is acceptable. What is not is the knee-jerk reaction of the West that anything reported by a non-American company has to be suspect."

Pro-Hezbollah Al-Manar TV denies "being biased" on Afghan issue

The London-based newspaper Al-Hayat carried the following report (text) on its web site on 13 October:

Al-Hayat has received a letter from the chairman of the board of directors of Al-Manar Television station [affiliated with the pro-Iranian Hezbollah] regarding a report published in yesterday's issue about Al-Manar broadcasting footage showing the battles between the Taleban and the opposition inside Afghanistan. The letter said the following:

"1. Al-Manar station did not move the camera from one shoulder to another [presumably meaning Al-Manar did not change its position] and it still adopts the same position on confronting Zionist terrorism and the unjust US policies.

"2. Even before the aggression began, we have been trying to obtain a permit to enter Afghanistan to be able to carry live and direct coverage of the aggression that the wronged Afghan people are undergoing. The Taleban movement, however, has not given its approval yet.

"3. Al-Manar, which believes that it is 'the television station of all Arabs and Muslims', is working to render the service of a daily and intensive coverage of the US aggression on Afghanistan and the Muslim Afghan people, explaining the aims and the background of this aggression, and showing full support to the Afghan people. However, as far as the killing and the dispute among the Afghan factions, Al-Manar firmly adopts a neutral position. It is content to objectively show footage of the events as they happen without being biased towards any Afghan party at the expense of the other."

French premier seeks help for journalists held in Afghanistan, Pakistan

France Info radio on 12 October reported that the French government

was exerting efforts to help two French journalists under arrest, one in Pakistan and the other in Afghanistan.

Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine telephoned his Pakistani counterpart Abdul Sattar to ask him to release Aziz Zemouri, the Figaro-Magazine journalist arrested on the border with Afghanistan, who is still being questioned by the Pakistani authorities.

He also asked for his intercession with the Taleban for the release of Paris-Match journalist Michel Peyrard, who is still in the hands of the Kabul authorities after being arrested and charged with espionage.

Source: BBC Monitoring research 13 Oct 01 (via DXLD)

Taleban reportedly prohibit official use of English language | Text of report in English by Russian news agency ITAR-TASS

Cairo, 12 October: One more ban adds from now to the numerous bans and restrictions imposed by the Taleban on Afghanistan's territories they control. There is no speaking English from now on in the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan". The ban is connected not so much with religious considerations as with the US-British military operation that has started. It applies, above all, to officials of international humanitarian organizations. They should speak Pashto or Dari, Afghanistan's official languages, when addressing their Afghan colleagues even if by satellite phone from a neighbouring country. All the talk should take place in the presence of representatives of the Taleban authorities. Source: ITAR-TASS news agency, Moscow, in English 1429 gmt 12 Oct 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

REACTION TO AFGHANISTAN is a virtually daily summary of reaction in different countries compiled by BBC Monitoring. It has not much to do with broadcasting per se, and may be repetitive, but no doubt of considerable value for those following the situation. We are now posting the latest edition at this link, but not in toto in DX Listening Digest.

<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/afghreax.txt>

** AUSTRALIA. 13 Oct 2001 Dear All,
CHRISTIAN VOICE B-01 SCHEDULE HFC 21-Sep-2001 CVI Version 01 Darwin

FREQ	STRT	STOP	CIRAF Z	LOC	POWR	AZI	DAYS	LANG	ADM
7170	1600	2200	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	1234567	English	AUS
9795	1800	2100	41,49,54	DRW	250	303	1234567	English	AUS
11935	2030	2130	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	English	AUS

11935	2130	2330	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	Indonesian	AUS
11935	2330	2400	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	English	AUS
13660	1300	1800	41,49,54	DRW	250	303	1234567	English	AUS
13775	0900	1600	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	1234567	English	AUS
13620	2200	2400	49,50,54	DRW	250	317	1234567	English	AUS
15155	1300	1800	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	1234567	Various	AUS
15530	1100	1300	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	1234567	Various	AUS
17600	0130	1000	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	Various	AUS
17645	0000	1100	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	1234567	Various	AUS
17655	1000	1200	41,49,54	DRW	250	303	1234567	English	AUS
17725	1000	1300	41,49,54	DRW	250	303	1234567	English	AUS
17725	0900	1000	41S,NE,49,54	DRW	250	303	1234567	English	AUS
17775	0000	0130	49,50,54	DRW	250	317	1234567	English	AUS
17820	0700	0900	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	1234567	English	AUS
17850	2200	0100	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	1234567	English	AUS
21550	0100	0700	43,44,50	DRW	250	340	1234567	English	AUS
21680	0000	0030	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	Indonesian	AUS
21680	0030	0400	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	English	AUS
21680	0400	0430	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	Indonesian	AUS
21680	0430	0500	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	English	AUS
21680	0500	0530	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	Indonesian	AUS
21680	0530	0900	54	DRW	250	290	1234567	English	AUS

Warm Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. RCI's website now contains the B-01 schedule for the Hotbird satellite feed, from which some inferences can be made about SW broadcasts and the Internet webcast.

The feature schedule for the second half-hour of the weekday broadcasts (temporarily at 1830, 2030, 0130 UT; as of October 28, at 2130 and 0230 UT) is: Mon. Canada in the World, Tue. Media Zone, Wed. Mailbag, Thu. Spotlight, and Fri. Business Sense. All of these shows have additional slots on the weekends.

For the past season, the webcast has been 100% parallel the Hotbird feed. Assuming that remains true, both of these services will have a new strip of CBC regional arts and performance programs. These will be at 1305-1400 UT as of October 28 (not sure if they're on at all before then). The schedule is: Mon. Bandwidth (Ottawa), Tue. Westcoast Performance (Vancouver), Wed. Key of A (Calgary), Thu. Gallery (Regina), Fri. Culture Shock (Winnipeg), Sat. Island Echoes (Cape Breton), and Sun. Art Talks (Montreal). Most of these shows air locally on CBC Radio 1, Saturdays 1705-1800 local time (Kevin Kelly, Arlington, Mass., PublicRadioFan.com Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Public broadcaster pulls up its socks
Sid Adilman, EYE ON ENTERTAINMENT

MAYBE CBC RADIO has learned the lesson of its public failure on Sept. 11. It took the national network 45 minutes to plug into the horrifying terrorist attacks in the U.S. and pre-empt programming for continuous news coverage. Last Sunday, though, it jumped right in, immediately broadcasting U.S. President George W. Bush's announcement that bombing of Afghanistan had begun....

http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=1002837701172&call_page=TS_Entertainment&call_pageid=968867495754&call_pagepath=Entertainment/News&col=969483191630
(The Star via Bill Westenhover, DXLD)

** CANADA. 6070, CFRX Toronto, Oct 6 2125 "automobile" show with telephone calls from listeners discussing topics such as how to keep one's windshield clean; nx at 2130 topics included situation in Afghanistan, bin Laden and the Taliban, impending military action by the US; mention of Thanksgiving Day weekend activities in Toronto; sports news, etc. Nice to hear this one back on the air (David Martin, GA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

I have been checking for CFRX at various times the last few days, and never heard it on 6070, despite reports of reactivation. Is it gone again, low power, or what? (Glenn Hauser, OK, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Listening to China Radio International broadcast recorded at 1500 UTC Oct 12 via WRN real audio on demand.

Almost exactly 2 minutes in the reporter refers to US Defense Secretary "Ronald Dumsfeld"!

As it was 4:15 am when I heard this, I re-cued it and listened again, just to make sure my mind wasn't playing tricks.

CRI reported, in a balanced way, the airstrikes in Afghanistan and reaction to them. Quoted Bush's vow to "drive bin Laden from his caves" and also his support for a Palestinian state. Anti-airstrikes and anti-terror demonstrations held in Paris (no details given), Karachi and Djakarta.

Also reported some items from Asia that probably get lost in the avalanche of news on US domestic networks. Taliban leaders' father-in-law and son possibly killed in attacks. Taliban leaders declare "holy war".

"KFC fast food restaurants" destroyed in Karachi by protesters and bombed in Indonesia. Iran denies sheltering terrorists. 7 "Most-wanted" suspects said to be in Iran. Other protests in Pakistan and

Indonesia also turned violent.

Seemed to prefer to talk about trade liberalisation in light of the upcoming APEC summit in Shanghai.

(Speaking of protests, watched footage by BBC World News via CBC Newsworld of a small but vigorous demonstration in Nairobi in favour of bin Laden and against the US, by members of Kenya's Muslim minority. The irony was pointed out that Nairobi was the scene not too long ago of a bin Laden organized bombing of the US Embassy, which killed a significant number of Kenyans. Most bystanders were disgusted) (Fred Waterer, Ont, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. Received QSL card today from World Falun Dafa Radio for a Jan. 01 report. 'Thank You for listening' w/ frequencies on front and a 'Confirmation of Reception' on back (no time or freq but it was 9315) from: Falun Dafa Radio, Fang Guang Ming, Inc., POB 117, Buford, GA 30518. Also received brochure (Terry Palmersheim, KC7LDP/FOÿPAM, MT, [then WA?], Oct 12, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Radio For Peace International Weekly Program Update for the week of 14 - 20 October 2001

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RFPI Frequency Schedule: BAND FREQUENCY/MODE UTC/GMT TIME

(frequencies/hours subject to change without notice) 4

40 meters: 7.445 MHz (AM): 0200 - 1000

(currently off the air for antenna upgrade

19 meters: 15.050 MHz (AM): 1800 - 1200

19 meters: 15.045 MHz (AM): 1200 - 1800

13 meters: 21.815 MHz (USB): 1200 - 0200

OUR PROGRAMMING BLOC IS SIX HOURS IN LENGTH. Most programs repeat 6, 12 and 18 hours later after their original broadcast time listed

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NOTES: With the horror of September 11th still fresh in our minds, we are finally able to resume our weekly program previews. Tragedy often gives birth to renewed commitments and new ways of thinking -- and that has proven to be true here at RFPI. This station was born to give a venue to the peace movement during the era of the Cold War. That mandate is stronger than ever today as we address the ways, means and ideas to reduce and even eliminate the current exponential use of violence to resolve the problems of our world today.

With that in mind, RFPI is pleased to announce the addition of Amy Goodman's "Democracy Now! In Exile." These daily, 2-hour special, aptly named "The War & Peace Report" comes to you from New York. Once the signature program of the Pacifica Network, DN! was cancelled by WBAI management and it's host, Goodman indefinitely suspended without pay. They now broadcast from the historic firehouse in Chinatown just

blocks from where the WTC once stood. Join Amy Goodman every weekday at 1600 - 1800 UTC with repeats 6, 12, & 18 hours later. Freespeech Radio News follows each of those broadcasts except at 1800.

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[Specific weekly topics of many other RFPI programs are available, not reproduced here:]

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<http://www.boinklabs.com/mailman/listinfo/rfpi-announce>

Or find it here with html hotlinks, even some illustration:

<http://www.rfpi.org/update.html> (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. Jean-Paul Cluzel, PDG de RFI revendique "45 millions d'auditeurs gr,ce à sa diffusion en OC, ses 80 relais FM dans le monde et les 180 radios ÉtrangÈres qui reprennent ses infos". A l'occasion de sa confÈrence de presse de rentrÈe, il a Ègalement dÈclarÈ que RFI se veut un "outil essentiel d'une vision franÁaise de l'actualitÈ internationale" et tout particuliÈrement en ce moment. Gilles Schneider, directeur des antennes et de l'information, souligne, pour sa part, que la radio "toute actualitÈ peut se transformer en radio toute info" quand les ÈvÈnements l'exigent... Il a, en effet, insistÈ sur "la souplesse" et la "rÈactivitÈ trÈs forte" lors des attentats du 11 septembre aux Etats-Unis et du dÈbut des frappes amÈricaines du 7 octobre. Ainsi, le 11 septembre dernier, nous "avons immÈdiatement fait antenne commune avec nos 19 rÈdactions en langues ÈtrangÈres".

Parmi les nouvelles Èmissions, on notera "Le journal en franÁais facile", de 10 minutes, rÈalisÈ avec 300 mots pour Être compris par le plus grand nombre. Pour plus d'informations, consultez la page archives <http://www.comfm.fm> (via BenoÔt Morin - 10 octobre 2001 -- les informations sont issues de <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/jm.aubier> via DXLD)

RFI is claiming a large audience, and has added a Special French 10-minute feature with a 300-word vocabulary. Quand? (gh, DXLD)

** GEORGIA. The Georgian State Radio-TV has opened a website: <http://www.geotvr.ge> It is fully in the Georgian language and needs a Georgian font to read it properly. The links to Radio Erti (Radio 1) and Radio Ori (Radio 2) are: http://www.geotvr.ge/radio_erti/index.html and http://www.geotvr.ge/radio_ori/index.html What I thought was REALAUDIO on the website in fact are only audioclips of the signature tunes (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, MWDX via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR-Imphal e-mail verification from R. Narasimha Swamy, Superintending Engineer in 1 month for e-mail report of 1995

reception. Sent after seeing Björn Fransson getting an e-mail from him last month. This after a number of follow-ups to both New Delhi and Imphal. Partial text of e-mail below (I'm not sure what "inertia" means in his e-mail, but possibly "change in staff" is what he meant):

"Sorry for the delayed/non reply to your reports. I was very happy to note that, somebody has traced our radio station living right across the globe! It is nice and satisfying feeling when we have keen listeners like you. I am happy to confirm your earlier report. Due to inertia our staff, reply was not sent to your reports. Sorry for the same. The power of our HF transmitter is 50 kW and operates on two frequencies. Mainly it carries local program plus some national program like news and classical music etc. We broadcast English news (national) between 2100 to 2115 hrs (Indian std time). With warm regards, Yours truly R. Narasimha Swamy, Superintending Engineer, All India Radio, IMPHAL, Manipur state, India, 795001 Phone 91-0385-220534 and 310395" (John Sgrulletta, NY, Cumbre DX Oct 12 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Clandestine, 6850, V of Mojahed, 1620 Oct 11, political talks in Farsi. Continuous freq. change between 6850 and 6870 about twice per minute, changing immediately after jammer is in their frequency (abt 5-7 secs after VoM freq. change) !! (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. 9917, Radio of the Republic of Iraq, 1507 Oct 7 with nx in Arabic, some songs after 1517. Into what appears to be a literary px of poems (??) at 1530. Maghrib prayers at 1602 / tafsir and international news at 1605. Good signal, improving after 1530 (Richard Lam, Singapore, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Seems to jump between 9917 and 9887, previously 9687, so check them all (gh, DXLD)

** ISLE OF MAN. Wednesday October 10th 2001

Isle of Man - Paul Rusling reporting:

A recent story about Chris Cary and Longwave 279 is not correct. It is possible that someone is trying to make some mischief or achieve some publicity perhaps. May I tell you the facts -

The MusicMann project is not stopped at all. On January 26 2001 we learned that the INDEPENDENT planning Inspector would recommend that permission not be given for the transmission facility, for reasons of visual impact and for the wrong use of land (it is not designated for a transmitter or any type of development, because it was part of the coast land). The Isle of Man Government were not very happy as they

want the project to go on the air, and as quickly as possible, but they are a democracy which must obey the recommendation of the INDEPENDENT planning Inspector, who came from the UK.

Since then we have been exploring other sites. That has been very difficult as most places are 'out of bounds' - that means you cannot go onto them without much difficulty, due to the foot and mouth regulations. The isle of Man did never suffer from any foot and mouth and they take things very seriously, every vehicle and passenger entering the islands is disinfected twice.

We HAVE however found some suitable sites and we have taken considerable trouble to assemble a thoroughly professional application for the necessary permission to go ahead and build the transmission facility. We have not made any announcement as this is a sensitive matter, and raising people's hopes before all the delays and problems are overcome would be wrong.

The CFA definitely IS working. We have seen four working, two of them at high power with 100 kilowatts. We did not rely on our own eyes and ears but paid a world known company to go and test these for us and take the usual professional measurements. They confirm that the CFA does work, and work very well. The small test version in England is nothing to do with our project and we understand that is not operating because the people trying to market it failed to pay some bills and the work has not been completed.

For the avoidance of doubt, IMIB has NOT held any discussions or entered into any agreement with Radio Nova, or Exidy or any such company. Chris Cary is in the Island having medical treatment and my wife and I briefly met with Chris and his wife socially, but only because we are very old friends going back about 28 years. I expect that if IMIB handed back its licence he might apply for it, along with many other applicants. As we anticipate approval of our site shortly we do not propose handing back the licence. If Chris, or anyone else had permission for a suitable transmission facility we would consider using it but he hasn't and we do not expect him to obtain such permission. Those expectations are based on close contact with the Isle of Man Government for many years.

We shall make an announcement as soon as we have some firm news to report (From: <http://www.offshore-radio.de/> via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** NEPAL. 5005 kHz is still silent, while 7165 kHz comes with fair quality. No QRM before 1400, ID "Radio Nepal" and frequent mentions of Nepal are well recognizable. At 1400 unknown tone appears on the frequency, but even under it English news were discovered at 1415-

1425. Previously, 7165 kHz was a summer frequency, replaced by 3230 kHz in winter. Probably, they reserve 5005 kHz for winter season? 3230 kHz was silent, too! For comparison: AIR Shimla was heard very well at the same time (1400-1500) on 3223 kHz (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, Signal Oct 6 via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK).
From: <http://www.offshore-radio.de/> Friday October 12th 2001

Welcome to another edition of "News from Holland".

Delta 171

The organisation behind the Delta 171 project have been given a 'no' from the Dutch ministry who are responsible for the licences. Delta got a temporary licence for the year, allowing them to start with building of the transmitting site. As they have not started yet the responsible minister will not give a new licence for 2002. They have been given the ultimatum to either start at once or they will be forced to go to court to get an official decision (via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. According to Adrian Sainsbury, the usual changeover time [from 15340 to 11675] is 0605. The changeover is delayed to 0705 only when RNZI is broadcasting sports commentaries (John Figliozi, NY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA? Re DXLD, Glen[n]: 6099.95, Unidentified African 0630-0645, eventually clear of co-channel Tirana, with news in English on "Information minister", reported as Liberia but they seem to be IDing as "Nigeria", references to "South Africa and Angola", needs more work; anyone hearing this clearly? (David Norrie, 8th and 10th October, Auckland, New Zealand, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

During this time Liberia is scheduled, and would be my guess. Would like to hear a RA file (Walt Salmani, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15335, R. Oman, 0315-0330 Oct 8 in EE with oldies US pop tunes. 6 pips at boh and IS and nx of attacks on Afghanistan by male announcer. S7 signal level with deep fades but audible. Announcer with Aussie accent (Bob Montgomery, PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Surely a typo for the usual 15355 (gh, DXLD)

13 Oct'01 Dear All, Recvd this Radio Oman B'01 schd from Mr Salim Al-Nomani. RADIO OMAN Bi01

FREQ	STRT	STOP	CIRAF	LOC	POWR	AZI	DAYS	LANGUAGE
6085	0200	0400	39N,40W	SEB	100	320	1234567	Arabic

6085	2000	2200	39SW,48	SEB	100	240	1234567	Arabic
6190	1800	2000	39SW,48	SEB	100	240	1234567	Arabic
9515	0400	0600	39N,40W	SEB	100	320	1234567	Arabic
9760	2300	0200	28,39N	THU	100	315	1234567	Arabic
13640	0600	1400	39N,40W	SEB	100	320	1234567	Arabic
13640	2000	2300	28,39N	THU	100	315	1234567	Arabic
15140	1400	1500	28,39N	THU	100	315	1234567	English
15140	1500	1800	28,39N	THU	100	315	1234567	Arabic
15355	0200	0300	48,53	THU	100	220	1234567	Arabic
15355	0300	0400	48,53	THU	100	220	1234567	English
15355	1800	2000	48,53	THU	100	220	1234567	Arabic
15375	1400	1800	39SW,48	SEB	100	240	1234567	Arabic
17590	0400	0600	48,53	THU	100	220	1234567	Arabic
17630	0600	1000	28,39N	THU	100	315	1234567	Arabic

Warm Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. I guess, Peshawar channels are 540 and 7320. It may be worth trying the Peshawar SW frequency at 1805-1900 tonight. That is 7320. That's from Alm and Green, 73 de wolffy (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST) For new Dari service to Afghanistan (gh)

** PALAU. 9985, Voice of Hope, T8BZ, Koror. Full Data Voice of Hope Network card with a verie/information letter in 4 months time apologizing for the delay. Letter states that the transmitter for T8BZ is 50 kw's (two RCA's and one Harris) for 9965 & 15725 for the time slot of 0900-1500 UTC. v/s Bentley Chan, Engineering Manager (Ed Kusalik, Alberta, Cumbre DX Oc 12 via DXLD)

** QATAR. There is text of Ed Bradley's 60 Minutes report on Al-Jazeera at the following internet address:
<http://www.cbsnews.com/now/section/0,1636,3415-412,00.shtml>
 (Fred Waterer, Ont., Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. The 0300 News broadcast from Voice of Russia led off with a report that the United States was using "internationally banned" cluster bombs in its attack on Afghanistan. They commented on targets and reported that an estimated "500 civilians" had been killed.

Pakistani Foreign Minister hopes capture or death of bin Laden would cause US assault on Afghanistan to end. Nation should not pay for actions of a few foreigners residing there.

Moscow supports initiatives of the Islamic Conference against terrorism.

(In case President Bush thinks that Russia is going to roll over and support his missile defense initiative) It was reported that the Russian UN delegation would introduce initiatives to keep the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty.

It was also reported that the Ukraine admitted accidentally shooting down that Russian airliner.

Other news items included that Saudi Prince whose donation to NYC recovery was rejected (VOR simply reported that the gift was rejected, and repeated some of his criticism of US Mid East policy); withdrawal of "CIS peacekeeping troops" from Georgia and an amnesty for Albanian fighters in Macedonia.

In News and Views, which followed the newscast, an interesting discussion of Bush's hopes for new strategic partnership with Russia and the global fight against terrorism. Some concern that America's Most Wanted 21 Terrorists did not include any Chechen suspects. Some in Washington are stuck in the Cold War thinking, that Chechen terrorists are freedom fighters. (there's that debate again---by the way, the guy reading the commentary on Chechen terrorists sounded vaguely like Alistair Cooke reading one of his letters from America)

Voice of Russia is a "must hear" in the current climate. Important to hear an external (to NA) perspective (Fred Waterer, Ont., Oct 13, ODXA via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. HF TRANSMISSIONS FROM MEYERTON TRANSMITTING STATION EFFECTIVE FROM 28 OCTOBER 2001 TO 31 MARCH 2002. All times quoted are UT. All transmissions Monday to Sunday, unless otherwise indicated.

CHANNEL AFRICA

Time UTC	kHz	kW	Target Area	Language
0300-0325	9685	250	East/Central Africa	Swahili
0300-0330	9525	500	East/Central Africa	English
0330-0355	9525	500	Madagascar	French
0400-0430	5955	500	Southern Africa	English
0430-0455	5955	500	Northern Mozambique	Portuguese
0430-0455	3345	100	Southern Mozambique	Portuguese
0430-0455	9525	250	Central Africa	French
0500-0530	15215	500	West Africa	English
0530-0555	15215	500	Angola	Portuguese
0600-0630	15215	500	West Africa	English
0630-0655	15215	500	Angola & West Africa	Portuguese
1300-1455	21725	250	West Africa	English *
1300-1455	17780	250	East & Central Africa	English *

1300-1455	11720	100	Southern Africa	English *
1500-1525	17780	250	East & Central Africa	Swahili
1500-1530	17770	500	East & Central Africa	English
1530-1555	17770	500	Madagascar	French
1600-1630	9525	500	Southern Africa	English
1600-1630	17860	250	East & Central Africa	Swahili
1630-1655	17860	250	East & Central Africa	French
1630-1655	9525	500	Northern Mozambique	Portuguese
1630-1655	3345	100	Southern Mozambique	Portuguese
1700-1730	17870	500	West Africa	English
1730-1755	17870	500	Angola & West Africa	Portuguese
1800-1830	17870	500	West Africa	English
1830-1855	17870	500	West Africa	French

* Saturdays and Sundays only

RADIO SONDER GRENSE

0500-0700 7185 100 Northern Cape, RSA Afrikaans
 0700-1620 9650 100 Northern Cape, RSA Afrikaans
 1620-0500 3320 100 Northern Cape, RSA Afrikaans
 (via Alokesh Gupta, India, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. RUSSIA, 12110, Radio EZRA, Sunday Oct 7 0900-0930: 0855 Test signal. 0900-0930 Gentleman talking, no music during the whole 30 minutes Program. At first the gentleman host introduce the background details of the ministry, the radio station and the studio. 0923 website water-into-wine.com was announced; at 0927 "You're tuned to Radio EZRA, the Water Into Wine Ministry radio broadcasting" then announced the address twice, also website announcement. Then the fax number: 44 1642887546 was announced twice (Qiao Xiaoli, China, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** U S A. Unidentified: 8635, Oct 4, 2035-2046+ Big bands mx; M&W chit-chat. Poor \\10475 also hrd which was \\WWCR a few days ago but this isn't their usual stuff. Assume mixing products (Harold Frodge, MI, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Assumption is not necessary, just some arithmetic: 15685 minus 12160 equals 3525; 12160 minus 3525 equals 8635. However, Thursday at 2030, 15685 carries, guess what, WOR. 12160 at 2000-2100 Thursday has Keen on Jazz, which IS some of their ``usual stuff`` (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Different Kind of Oldies Show Program News for the week of 10/13/2001:

This week's show: "Heavenly Bodies-Part 3, Space Junk", features a real mixed bag tonight. Most are those rather crazy novelty tunes, but we have a few other pop things as well. So again you're invited

to tune in tonight to hear it over WBCQ Shortwave at 7415kHz or you can listen on the web at <http://www.live365.com/stations/15660> in mono or <http://www.live365.com/stations/63570> in stereo beginning at 8 PM Eastern Time tonight, (Midnight Sunday UT).

Next week's show: Still up in the air on this one, but we have a few ideas. We'll see what happens when we walk into the studio tomorrow morning.

Future Shows: I was discussing Screamin' Jay Hawkins with listener Tim Hendel a few weeks ago, and I decided that instead of producing a show for Halloween, I'll rerun the Tribute/Memorial show we did back in March of 2000 on October 27th.

Other News: The World Trade Center Page is updated, we added stuff last night and again today. Click on "World Trade Center Page" on our home page: <http://bigsteve.wbcq.net> Real Audio is back! At least on a test basis. Listen to tonight's show in On-Demand real audio. Get to it by way of our Streaming Audio page after 9 PM Eastern time tonight. A website about the legendary Time Capsule Show has been set up by Nikki & Jim. It features a number of original TCS's in real audio. Link to it from Jim & Nikki's Harmonious Page: <http://members.aol.com/wawawaooh/main.htm> I'm converting some of the airchecks I have of the show and hope to submit them to the guys for addition in a few weeks.

Where do we go from here: Haven't I put this next text on the last bunch of updates? I need your help in planning future shows. I've noticed my personal tastes skewing to the R&B roots more and more recently. Since the show reflects mostly my tastes, I'm wondering if that is the direction you would like me to go when it comes to programming the show. Please e-mail me at bigsteve387@msn.com or write me at P. O. Box 396, New York, NY 10002 with your suggestions as to what you want to hear on A Different Kind Of Oldies Show.

If you're reading this on our website or on a newsgroup but would like to get it in your mailbox instead, please write me back at bigsteve387@msn.com Similarly, if you do not want to be on our mailing list, also write me at the same address. Do not use any other e-mail address we may have had. I no longer use them.

As a backup you can connect to our website at the host address, <http://www.dorsai.org/~bigsteve> if there is a problem with connecting to [wbcq.net](http://www.wbcq.net) You should bookmark it (Steve Coletti, DKOS Oct 13 via DXLD)

** U S A. ``Moon Over Morocco``, the adventures of Jack Flanders, a terrific classic piece of stereo radio production, is back for a run

on webcaster KUNM Albuquerque, starting Oct 14, occupying 50, 100 or 0 percent of the Radio Theater hour Sundays at 10:30 pm MDT (UT Monday 0430-0530, from November 0530-0630). From KUNM's recently redesigned website, making it ``less unique`` but perhaps more funxional, <http://www.kunm.org> the monthly Zounds magazine is finally available in pdf, whence we excerpt:

Sunday, October 14

10:30 Radio Theater, ``The Pill School,`` and ``Moon Over Morocco.``

In an alternate universe created by the KUNM Radio Irregulars, Sherlock Holmes is an ophthalmologist looking into a preponderance of counterfeit drugs, in a comedy authored by local writer Clyde James Aragsn, adapted from a story in his book, ``Abandon All Hope! Cheerful Humor for Impossible Days.`` With Padraic Keohane as Holmes, Ray Orley as Watson, Russ Sype as George Sulindac, Ninette Mordaunt as Mrs. Hudson, Florence Tonissi as Mrs. Rimm, Thane Kenny as the Wheezing Man and Bob McKenzie as Professor Moriarty. Directed by Rob Raucci for Albuquerque Radio Theatre.

``Moon Over Morocco`` is from ZBS, with sounds recorded on location in Morocco. In the first episode, Jack Flanders, the hero of this mini-series (which will continue over several months), seeks the lost knowledge of the ancients, finding more than he bargained for.

Sunday, October 21

10:30 Radio Theater, ``Moon Over Morocco,`` Episodes 2 and 3. Once in a far away land there existed knowledge of natural magic now long forgotten. Adventurer Jack Flanders discovers far more than lost magic in his journey to Morocco, in this classic mini-series from ZBS.

Sunday, October 28

10:30 Radio Theater, ``I Might be Edgar Allen Poe.`` For Halloween, The Radio Works provides this piece from writer/performer Dawson Nichols of The Ambit Group in Seattle, Washington. Originally created as a solo performance piece, touring to great acclaim throughout the U.S. and internationally, `Poe` explores one man's encounter, and growing fascination, with the prince of horror (via Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Boston talk radio needs Lydon

By Scot Lehigh, Globe Staff, 10/12/2001

http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/285/oped/Boston_talk_radio_needs_Lydon+.shtml
(via Bill Westenhaber, DXLD)

** U S A. AMERICA UNDER ATTACK: REPEAL THE ECPA SO AMATEURS CAN
MONITOR FOR TERRORISTS

A Michigan ham says its time for congress to repeal the Electronic Communications Privacy Act and let SWLs monitor the cellular frequencies foe terrorist activities. Lloyd Ellsworth, NE8I, is circulating a letter to Congress on the VHF Reflector that says the events of September 11th warrant giving the public the ability to again monitor cellular communications and report possible threats to the nations security onto authorities.

Lloyd Ellsworth NE8I: "If you have an area [of spectrum] -- for example 800 to 900 MHz -- where cellphones operate -- a terrorist could also conveniently operate there and not easily be caught. You would have someone specialized who had that [monitoring] equipment to receive him."

As Ellsworth's letter notes, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act forbids Americans from using a radio scanner receiver other device from eavesdropping cell phone and certain other radio communications. It also forbids the importation or sale in the country of equipment capable of interception of these signals. But says Ellsworth, these are tools and skills which any knowledgeable terrorist can easily use against America and Americans. And we all know that terrorists don't play by the rules.

Lloyd Ellsworth NE8I: "What I am concerned with is if a terrorist is able to freely operate and stands a very small chance of being caught while conducting some communications in that band -- they will."

Ellsworth says that repealing the ECPA will even the playing field by giving law abiding Americans a way to listen for suspicious cellular phone calls or other radio signals that can be reported directly to an appropriate agency. Ellsworth notes that this would allow the average citizen, including police and law enforcement to directly to contribute fighting terrorism. Ellsworth adds that this would also put any terrorist on notice that any radio communications he or she may use is likely to be detected, intercepted and used against them. (ARNewsline(tm) via John Norfolk, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 8700-USB. Around 1315 last evening I picked up a station on USB broadcasting in what appeared to be Pushto or Iranian on the utility frequency of 8700. The station was broadcasting some songs but they sounded more Indian in style. However, the language was neither Urdu or Hindi. The announcer made frequent references to Afghanistan, Kabul, Herat and Osama Bin Laden. There were some identification announcements; however, I was not fully awake as locally it was after midnight here. One song frequently mentioned Kandahar and was not in the Indian style. Since then I have cited the VOA broadcasts around that time and wonder if it was a feeder. If not

who is it?

October 12 1318, 8700 USB, Unknown station broadcasting music in Indian style with announcements in either Pushto or Iranian. Frequent mention of Afghanistan, Kabul, Herat and Osama Bin Laden. Some form of ID at 1330. Heavy interference from VIE in Darwin on Pactor. Good strength though (Robin L. Harwood, VK7RH, Launceston, Tasmania, Oct 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12144v: Can you please tell me which strong Arabic station is on 12144v kHz in the evenings (1700-1900)? It is sometimes jammed, but is mostly heard in the clear. Help! 73 from (Bj^rn Fransson on the island of Gotland, Sweden, DXLD)

Re: UNIDENTIFIED. 25347 AM? 11 Oct, 0855-0932, unID broadcasting station. OM & YL in Arabic....

Hi Glenn: This looks a lot like a NFM 11 meter studio feeder. 73,
(David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###